



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: STACK, ET AL.

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FOR: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR RETAINING A  
GASTRO-ESOPHAGEAL IMPLANT

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2. Cited Information

- ☒ Copies of references 1-240 are issued patent(s) and published application(s) and are not included (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii)).
- ☒ Copies of References 241 - 307 are enclosed.

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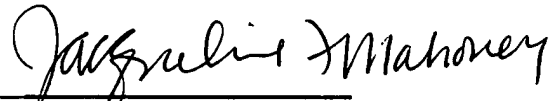
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Respectfully submitted,  
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